sanctioned strength of Judges of High Courts is 590 Permanent/ Additional Judges. It has been decided to create 28 new posts of Permanent/Additional Judges with effect from the dates these posts are actually filled up.

As regards increase of courts and appointment of additional judges in the subordinate judiciary, it is the responsiblity of the State Governments to create additional courts or apoint additional judges in consultation with the concerned High Courts.

Cooperative business under Companies Act

169. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring cooperative business under the Companies Act; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The Government has recently constituted a Committee to examine framing a legislation which would enable incorporation of cooperatives as companies and conversion of existing cooperatives into companies, ensuring that the proposed legislation accommodates the unique elements of cooperative business within a regulatory framework similar to that of private limited companies. The decision whether to bring Cooperative business under the Companies Act would be taken after the report of the Committee is received.

Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies

170. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the delimitation of existing Parliamentary and State Assembly Constituencies in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to authorise Election Commission of India to take a final decision in this regard;